NOTICE

TO: All Building Permit Applicants

FM: Pete Guisasola Building Official

RE: 1997 Uniform Building Code Smoke Detector Requirement

DT: July 1, 1999

When the valuation of an addition, alteration or repair to a single or multi-family dwelling exceeds \$1,000 and a permit is required, or when one or more sleeping rooms are added or created in an existing dwelling, smoke detectors shall be installed per 1997 U.B.C. Section 310.9.1.2. Exempted from this requirement are repairs to exterior surfaces, i.e., reroofing, residing, etc.

Smoke detectors may be solely battery-operated when installed in existing buildings, or buildings which undergo alterations, repairs or additions.

Examples of additions, alterations and repairs include: Adding square footage, including attached patio covers, interior or exterior remodeling, rehabilitation, mechanical change outs, foundation and structural repairs.

Required Locations for Smoke Detectors

- ♦ Smoke detectors shall be installed in each sleeping room and at a point centrally located in the hallway leading to each separate sleeping area.
- Smoke detectors are required at each story and in basements.
- ♦ Split level stories shall have the smoke detector installed on the upper level, if bedrooms are located on the lower level, then both levels shall have smoke detectors.
- ♦ Smoke detectors installed in a upper level shall be installed on the ceiling in close proximity to the stairway.
- ♦ In dwellings where the ceiling height of a room open to the hallway exceeds that of the hallway by 24" or more, smoke detectors shall be installed in the hall and the adjacent room.

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